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Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1891

8:45 a.m.

1:35 a.m.

10:10

Sompsons Police Route 1 trip

Snow Ball Route 1 trip

I got up at 6:30 this morning (an uncommon incident) at 9:00 a.m. J.F. Moore, M.A. Moore, Elmer & I went in the car to get specimens & explore the Geode Hall Division of the Sompsons Police Route. When we got just to the other side of "Yorkin Alley" M.A. Moore climbed up in a crevice after his hammer and chisel which he left at that place last night. When we got to Red Mine J.F. Moore stopped to get a load of calcite crystals which I & Father had left at that place for whoever might think that they was worth carrying out. When we had passed the west end of summer avenue about 650 feet & got into our first climb I discovered a fine ledge of Wind Cave Marble the first that has been discovered in that division of the Route. When we arrived at the second room of any note we read the following inscription:

T. L. McDonald  
Robert McDonald  
A. F. McDonald  
Discovered this room on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1890  
Geode Hall Room

this being the date that the way was discovered around the Giant Conservatory (then known as the fall). When we got into the next room I left M.A. Moore & Elmer while I went on an exploring trip for my own benefit. going to the left of this room I came into a place that there were a great many geodes and plenty of mud. I left the place intending to explore it further some other time. We got to Geode Hall in good shape but had ("bad luck") finding geodes that were filled with mud. Elmer soon left M.A. Moore & I to make his way out of the cave,